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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN SHIP "SNESTAD" WITH 54 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

1. ON OCT. 28 THE NORWEGIAN FREIGHTER "SNESTAD" RESCUED 54 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FROM THEIR SINKING SHIP. THE SHIP WAS FLOUNDERING NEAR CONSON ISLAND.

2. THE FREIGHTER LANDED AT SATTAHIP ON OCT. 30 AND THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY SUBMITTED A GUARANTEE TO THE RTG TO TAKE ALL 54 REFUGEES. WITH THIS PROMISE, ALL REFUGEES WERE ALLOWED TO DISEMBARK AT SATTHIP. RTG HAS GRANTED THEM A 30 DAY STAY IN THAILAND.

3. ALL ARE BEING BROUHT TO BANGKOK AND PLACED IN THE TRANSIT CENTER WHILE AWAITING DECISIONS FROM INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS.

4. BASED ON UNHCR INTERVIEW FORMS ALONE OUR STATISTICS SHOW THAT 43 OUT OF THE 54 QUALIFY FOR OUR PROGRAM. A MORE ACCURATE PICTURE WILL BE OBTAINED AFTER POST INTERVIEWS THE REFUGEES UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN BANGKOK.

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